# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# AGRICULTURE
# LOK SABHA

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DECLINING IN COTTON PRODUCTION AND LAND
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**Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the cotton production and land under cotton cultivation has constantly declined since 1998-99, till- date;

(b) if so, whether the Government have attempted to ascertain its causes;

(c) if so, the reasons therefore alongwith the remedial measures taken by the Government in this regard; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefore?

## Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The area and production of cotton have varied year to year since 1998-99 to 2001-02 as under:

| Year | Area(`000 Hec.) | Production(`000 bales of 170 Kg each) |
|---|---|---|
| 1998-1999 | 9342.4 | 12287.1 |
| 1999-2000 | 8709.7 | 11529.6 |
| 2000-2001 | 8534.6 | 9523.8 |
| 2001-2002 | 9097.2 | 10094.1 |

(b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The main reasons for variation have been due to attack of disease and pests as well as occurrence of drought in some cotton growing states, which had adversely affected area and production of cotton.

Realising the problems in cotton cultivation, the Government of India launched a Technology Mission onCotton which became operative from 2000-01 by integrating various aspects in cotton sector through four Mini- Missionviz Mini-Mission-I on research by Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Mini-Mission-II by Departmentof Agriculture and Cooperation for increasing production and productivity, Mini-Mission-III on the development ofmarket infrastructure and Mini-Mission-IV on the modernization of ginning factories by the Ministry of Textiles.

Under Mini-Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton, the remedial measures includes integrated pestmanagement demonstration-cum-training, distribution of pheromone traps, distribution of bio-agents, supply of seeds of high yielding and disease resistant varieties, surveillance of disease and pests, establishment of bio-agent production units for the control of disease and pests. Besides, assistance is also given under Mini-Mission-II for water saving devices like sprinklers and drip system.

(d): Does not arise.